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NEWS RELEASES

**COMMISSION INITIATES PROCEEDING TO REFORM INTERSTATE ACCESS CHARGES. The Commission today commenced a proceeding to reform its system of interstate access charges to make that system compatible with the pro-competitive deregulatory framework established by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. By NPRM, Third R&O & NOI. Report No: DC 96-113. Action by: the FCC. Adopted: December 23, 1996. Dkt No.: CC- 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 96-263. (FCC No. 96-488) News Media Contact: Mindy Ginsburg (202) 418-1500. CCB Contact: Jane Jackson at (202) 418-1520. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1996/nrcc6088.txt

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTS ACCOUNTING SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996. The Commission today released an Order implementing the accounting safeguards requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Report No: DC 96-114. by R&O. Action by: the FCC. Adopted: December 23, 1996. Dkt No.: CC- 96-150. (FCC No. 96-490) News Media Contact: Mindy Ginsburg (202) 418-1500. CCB Contact: Tim Peterson at (202) 418-1500 or Mark Ehrlich at (202) 418-0850. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1996/nrcc6089.txt

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTS NON-ACCOUNTING STRUCTURAL SEPARATION AND NONDISCRIMINATION SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996. The Commission today released an Order that implements the non-accounting structural separation and non-discrimination requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. By First R&O & Further NPRM. Report No: DC 96-115. Action by: the FCC. Adopted: December 23, 1996. Dkt No.: CC- 96-149. (FCC No. 96-489) News Media Contact: Mindy Ginsburg (202) 418-1500. CCB Contact: Radhika Karmarkar at (202) 418-1580. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1996/nrcc6090.txt

FCC ISSUES NOTICE OF MONETARY FORFEITURE OF \$6,000 TO AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. The Compliance and Information Bureau (CIB), by delegated authority, issued a Notice of Monetary Forfeiture to Timothy Harold Hoffman for the willful violation of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Commission's rules. Report No: CI 96-4. by Forfeiture Order. Action by: Chief, Compliance Division, CIB. Adopted: December 20, 1996. (DA No. 96-2180). News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0500. CIB Contact: Rocco Campagna at (202) 418-1229. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Compliance/News_Releases/1996/nrci5011.txt

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: December 24, 1996. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG.Dec. 23.

Report No: I-8222. Released: December 24, 1996. OVERSEAS COMMON CARRIER SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACTIONS TAKEN. (DA No. 96-2184).

Report No: 43895. Released: December 24, 1996. BROADCAST ACTIONS.

Report No: 23895. Released: December 24, 1996. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS.

Released: December 24, 1996. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN NON-RESTRICTED PROCEEDINGS.

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****NON-ACCOUNTING SAFEGUARDS.** See the third News Release in today's Digest. CCB

****ACCOUNTING SAFEGUARDS.** See the second News Release in today's Digest. CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1996/fcc96489.txt

****ACCESS CHARGE REFORM.** See the first News Release in today's Digest. by NPRM. CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1996/fcc96488.txt

HOFFMAN, TIMOTHY HAROLD. See the fourth News Release in today's Digest. CIB

HUGHES COMMUNICATIONS GALAXY, INC. (HCG). Granted HCG interim authority to use capacity on the Brazilsat A1 satellite for U.S. domestic service until Dec. 31, 1997. Action by Chief, IB. Adopted: December 23, 1996. by O&A. (DA No. 96-2176). IB

ADDENDA: The following items, released December 23, 1996, did not appear in Digest No. 242:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC EXTENDS TRANSITION PERIOD FOR DETERMINING COMPLIANCE WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR EVALUATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF RF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS FROM FCC-REGULATED TRANSMITTERS. The Commission has amended its rules to extend the transition period for applicants and station licensees to determine compliance with new requirements for evaluating the environmental effects of radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic fields from FCC-regulated transmitters.. Report No: DC 96-112. by MO&O. Action by: the FCC. Adopted: December 23, 1996. Dkt No.: ET- 93-62. (FCC No. 96-487) News Media Contact: Patricia Chew (202) 418-0500. OET Contact: Rick Engelman at (202) 418-2445 and Robert Cleveland at (202) 418-2422. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/News_Releases/1996/nret6014.txt

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: December 23, 1996. PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON U S WEST'S PETITION FOR WAIVER OF OPERATION SUPPORT SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION

REQUIREMENTS. Comments are due Jan. 10, replies Jan. 20. (DA No. 96-2179).

Released: December 23, 1996. MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE; ACTION TAKEN ON APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF AUTHORIZATIONS.

Released: December 23, 1996. PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR C BLOCK LICENSEES CONDITIONALLY GRANTED ON SEPT. 17, 1996. (DA No. 96-2177). Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1996/da962177.txt

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CALLER ID. Granted Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s petition for a stay of Section 64.1601(b) of the caller ID rules; suspended the application of that section to party lines and the application of Section 64.1601(a) to LECs without CLASS software. Dkt No.: CC- 91-281. Action by Deputy Chief, CCB. Adopted: December 23, 1996. by MO&O. (DA No. 96-2181). CCB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1996/da962181.txt

CALLER ID. Granted waivers of the *82 unblocking requirement for calls that originate on Siemens Stromberg Carlson Digital Community Office switches for Pond Branch Telephone Co., Inc., Twin Lakes Telephone Coop. Corp., Sioux Valley and Hills Telephone Co., Craw-Kan Telephone Coop., Inc., and Northland Telephone Co. of Vermont; denied the waiver request of Middleburgh Telephone Co. Dkt No.: CC- 91-281. Action by Chief, Network Services Division, CCB. Adopted: December 20, 1996. by MO&O. (DA No. 96-2178). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1996/da962178.txt

COX COMMUNICATIONS -- ERRATUM TO DA 96-2070. Corrected Cox's FCC Form 1235 maximum permitted rate for the projected period from \$18.07 to \$20.57. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, CSB. Adopted: December 23, 1996. by Erratum. CSB Internet URL:
https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/er962070.txt

HINTON, WV. Granted the application of Bluestone Broadcasters, Inc. for renewal of license for Station WMTD(AM), Hinton, West Virginia, subject to the condition that the station shall resume broadcast operations no later than February 8, 1997. By Summary Decision of Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel. Dkt No.: MM- 96-192. Adopted: December 19, 1996. (FCC No. 96D-13). MMB

ADDENDA: The following items, released December 20, 1996, did not appear in Digest No. 241:

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EN TECHNOLOGY CORP. Temporarily waived certain of the FCC Rules for all noncommercial broadcast TV stations thus permitting use of En Technology's system to insert ancillary digital data into the video portion of the television signal during specified programming. Action by Chief, Policy and Rules Division, MMB. Adopted: December 20, 1996. by Letter. (DA No. 96-2167). MMB

ALVA, BARTLESVILLE AND PONCA CITY, OK; DEERFIELD, MO. Effective February 3, 1997, amended the FM Table of Allotments to substitute Channel 261C1 for 261A at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Channel 284A for Channel 261A at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Channel 278C1 for vacant Channel 284C1 at Alva, Oklahoma; modified the licenses of KYFM, Bartlesville, and KIXR(FM), Ponca City, accordingly; dismissed the petition filed by Dale Hendrix to allot Channel 261C3 at Deerfield, MO; terminated the proceeding. Window period for

filing applications for Channel 278C1 at Alva, OK, opens February 3 and closes March 6. Dkt No.: MM- 96-80. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Divisio, MMB. Adopted: December 13, 1996. by R&O. (DA No. 96-2098). MMB